## **Example of Information Available for Selection of Draft Preferred Alternative**

Information Source	June 97	July 97	August 97	September 97	October 97	November 97	December 97	January 98	Later
Alternative Narrowing/ Evaluation	Descriptions of 17     alternatives	Narrowing process initiated	12-14 alternatives remain after narrowing     Detailed evaluations initiated	Detailed evaluations continue	Detailed     evaluations could     continue	Detailed evaluations could continue	Detailed evaluations could continue		
Impact Analysis (example for fish transport)	Identify issues     Sense of land use and construction impacts     Sense of operational impacts and summary of broad impacts	Sense of in-Delta fish transport and impacts on species which can swim based on net flows	Sense of in-Delta fish transport on species (which can swim) due to tidal influence	Sense of in-Delta fish transport and impacts on species which cannot swim (e.g. Striped Bass eggs)	More defensible impact analysis with supporting information	More defensible impact analysis with supporting information	More defensible impact analysis with supporting information		Revisions based on public comments
Impact Analysis (example for ag. economics)	Identify issues     Land conversion acreage     Sense of operational impacts     Summary of broad impacts	Sense of ag. water deliveries	Sense of ag. production and income changes     Prelim analysis of acreage shifts and GW pumping due to land conversion	Sensitivity analysis on costs of BMPs for Water Use Efficiency and Water Quality	Sensitivity analysis on costs of new ag. water and willingness to pay higher prices     More defensible impact analysis with supporting information	Economics of potential water transfer options     More defensible impact analysis with supporting information	<ul> <li>Improved delivery, ag. production, income, and costs</li> </ul>		Revisions     based on public     comments
Prefeasibility Studies	Spreadsheet modeling of storage and conveyance     Facility operational modeling (DWRSIM not linked with DSM)     Narrowing process initiated for 64 storage sites	Draft reports with cost for 22 storage and conveyance facilities     Conveyance modeling (DSM not linked with DWRSIM) to bracket range of inflows and exports and resultant net flows	DSM modeling of midrange of inflows and exports     10-14 storage sites remain after initial narrowing	Particle tracking model     Some information from linked DWRSIM w/ ERPP flows and 800k AF) and DSM     Some information on intermediate sizes of facilities	Additional information from linked DWRSIM and DSM     Some information on intermediate sizes of facilities     6-8 storage sites remain after further narrowing	Additional information from linked DWRSIM and DSM     Some information on intermediate sizes of facilities	Linked     DWRSIM and     DSM; major     benefit is     defensibility of     previous     results		Continuation of prefeasibility studies for all Program components
404(b)(1) consultation analysis	Data collection     Begin analysis on 64 reservoir sites			Begin 404(b)(1) documentation	Preconsultation package	• Reservoirs screened to 6-8 sites			Complete 404(b)(1) consultation analysis
Habitat Conservation Plan/ Sec. 7 Consultation		Begin work with consultant	Notice of Intent scoping	Format and methodology		Array general consequences	• Draft HCP		Complete HCP on same schedule as EIR/EIS
Implement. Strategies (assurances and financing)		Five alternative management packages for assurances     Principles for cost allocation	Refined		Some unique     assurances by     alternative     Indication of cost     breakdown between     general public and     user groups				Detailed     assurances and financial plans